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AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the application as follows: